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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/801,694	Applicant(s) YAMAGIWA, TOSHIO	
	Examiner Eugene Yun	Art Unit 2618	

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 17 March 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Johannes (NL 9101758).

Referring to Claim 1, Johannes teaches a vehicle, comprising:

A tag, said tag being mounted in the vehicle, the tag including a recording medium in which identification information for identifying the vehicle is registered (see first 2 lines of ABSTRACT);

Wherein the tag is attached inside a resin member of the vehicle (see lines 2-7 of ABSTRACT).

Referring to Claim 9, Johannes teaches a vehicle, comprising:

A vehicle body (see ABSTRACT noting that a bicycle has a vehicle body);

A resin member attached to said vehicle body (see lines 2-7 of ABSTRACT); and

A tag attached inside said resin member, said tag including a recording medium in which identification information for identifying the vehicle is registered (see first 2 lines of ABSTRACT).

Referring to Claim 17, Johannes teaches a resin member for a vehicle, comprising:

A tag, said tag attached inside the resin member (see lines 2-7 of ABSTRACT), said tag including a recording medium in which identification information for identifying the vehicle is registered (see first 2 lines of ABSTRACT).

Referring to Claims 2, 10, and 18, Johannes also teaches the tag attached inside a vehicle seat composed of a resin member (see figs. 1 and 2 noting that the frame can be the frame of a bicycle seat).

Referring to Claims 3, 4, 11, and 12, Johannes also teaches a saddle-type vehicle (see ABSTRACT noting that a bicycle is a saddle-type vehicle).

Referring to Claims 5, 6, 13, 14, and 19, Johannes also teaches the tag located adjacent to a front or rear of the seat, so that a distance between the tag and an outside of the seat is small (see figs. 1 and 2 noting that the frame 7 can be the pole under the bicycle seat thus putting the tag near the seat).

Referring to Claims 7, 8, 15, 16, 20, and 21, Johannes also teaches an RFID tag including an IC and means for transmitting/receiving radio signal embedded therein (see last 5 lines of ABSTRACT).

Conclusion


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eugene Yun whose telephone number is (571) 272-7860. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00am-6:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew D. Anderson can be reached on (571)272-4177. The fax phone

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number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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